

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 23-33, 53-55, and 59-67 are pending in this application. Claims 1-22 and 34-58 were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. By this Amendment, original claims 1-6 are maintained, claims 7-22, 34-52, and 56-58 are canceled to be pursued in a Divisional Reissue application, claims 23 and 53 are amended, and claims 59-67 are added. No new matter is added. Independent claim 23 has been amended to recite a method of forming a multi-layer structure for a display panel, comprising forming a layer having a composition of *intermixed first and second* components, wherein *the* first component is different in color from *the* second component; and *thereafter* forming two *substantially separate and distinct* sub-layers within the layer, wherein a first sub-layer comprises the first component and the second sub-layer comprises the second component. Dependent claim 53 has been amended to depend from claim 23. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 23-33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Hayashi et al. (hereinafter "Hayashi"), U.S. Patent No. 6,086,790. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As set forth above, independent claim 23 has been amended to recite a method of forming a multi-layer structure for a display panel, comprising forming a layer having a composition of *intermixed first and second* components, wherein *the* first component is different in color from *the* second component; and *thereafter* forming two *substantially separate and distinct* sub-layers within the layer, wherein a first sub-layer comprises the first component and the second

sub-layer comprises the second component. Hayashi does not disclose such features, or the claimed combination of independent claim 23. That is, Hayashi merely discloses a double-layer structure transparent conductive film having an upper layer of silica and a lower layer of fine metal powder.

Accordingly, the rejection of independent claim 23 over Hayashi should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 24-33 and 53-55 are allowable over Hayashi at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 23, from which they depend, as well as for their added features.

Added claim 59 recites a multi-layer structure for a display panel, comprising a layer having an initial composition of intermixed first and second components, wherein the first component is different in color from the second component, wherein each component has a specific gravity, and wherein two substantially separate and distinct sub-layers are formed within the layer based on the specific gravity of the first and second components. Accordingly, added claim 59 defines over Hayashi. Added dependent claims 60-67 also define over Hayashi in view of their dependency on independent claim 59, as well as for their added features.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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